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FOR S/S AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GEORGE VEST

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SUBJECT: NEW DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A) COPENHAGEN 5674, B) STATE 221830, C) BRUSSELS 17325

1. AT RECEPTION FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION TO MEET NEW FOREIGN MINISTER HENNING CHRISTOPHERSEN, HE REITERATED HIS STRONG DESIRE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK FROM SEPT. 25-29 AND WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A MEETING WERE EXCELLENT.

2. AT THE SAME OCCASION, MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN EXPRESSED FEAR THAT DAMAGE MIGHT BE DONE TO GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS IF THE WAIVER TO COUNTERVAILING DUTY IS NOT EXTENDED BEYOND JANUARY 4 DEADLINE. (NOTE: THE CONTENTS OF REF B WERE EARLIER CONVEYED TO DANISH AUTHORITIES.) HE SAID THAT AT THE SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS, DENMARK AND GERMANY WOULD TRY HARD TO INFLUENCE THE EC BARGAINING POSITION TOWARDS GREATER ACCOMMODATION WITH U.S., BUT HE WAS FEARFUL THAT BRITAIN WOULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO MOVE.

3. COMMENT: A. THE PROBLEM OF COUNTERVAILING
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DUTIES, ALTHOUGH IT FALLS WITHIN THE EC CONTEXT, IS SEEN BY THE DANES AS A DISRUPTIVE BILATERAL ISSUE AND IS CERTAIN TO BE BROUGHT UP AT A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

B. BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH DANES SEE THIS ISSUE, WOULD LIKE TO SECOND

AMBASSADOR HINTON'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A REASSURING
UPDATE CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REF C.
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